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"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, no matter how measured or far away."

-Henry David Thoreau

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the issue

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Almost as if by design, the first project facing the Society upon completion of this issue's gay bar article was a series of conferences with lawyers from three states over the pending suspension of a New Jersey bar's license. *Val's* is located in the summer resort town of Atlantic City and has been charged with the violation of several regulations governing bars in that state which, translated from the legalese, simply meant that they served homosexuals.

The management of the bar came to the Society with an appeal for financial and certain other technical assistance. It was quickly determined that this particular case offered great possibilities as a further delineation of the right of the homosexual to assemble, and the Society responded with a cash contribution of \$1,000 to their legal fund.

The financial reserves we have accumulated for work like this come from the thousands of homosexuals throughout the United States who support the Society through the purchase of its publications, payment of membership fees and outright contributions. There are few homosexuals who could make this kind of money available when it is needed, but JSA can because we represent so large a group of homosexuals who have combined their efforts. Strength, through unity, might not be as far away as previously thought.

Advertising

After about three weeks of what must have been soul-searching thought, the New York *Times* finally agreed to accept an advertisement from DRUM for writers. Previous ads had been accepted, all using the "gay" euphuism, but the staff, no longer content to fly under anything but true colors, held out for and finally received approval for: "Writers, free-lance for leading homosexual magazine...." Plans are now in preparation for display advertising in the *Times'* book section.

Encouraged by the ACLU's policy statement regarding non-commercial, controversial advertising (page 8), the Society plans to contact all national magazines that had previously refused to accept DRUM ads. The *Saturday Review* is far from alone in this category, they are joined by *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, and, amusingly, *Playboy*.

Combat Boots

The inspiration, if you can call it that, for the *Proclamation* (pages 10 and 11) came during a three-hour, WBBM, Chicago, radio broadcast and went all but forgotten until someone reminded Polak of what he had said the night before.

As for the bar article itself (page 12), DRUM's staff of inveterate barniks felt called upon to perform so much field research, there was some question whether anything would ever get onto paper. As the man said: "Drink heartily, boys.."

news

ENGLAND

Leatherhead, Surrey: Two R. A. F. men sent for swimming trunks before diving into an ornamental pool to look for a drowning child, said a coroner on inquest into the death of the child. The only explanation was some "standing order" that apparently forbids dirtying uniforms or some such.

London: Dr. Leslie Weatherhead of England's Methodist Conference feels he'd like to go through the Old Testament with "a blue pencil," removing "a lot of bloody massacres and a lot of smutty little pieces that choir boys read on the quiet."

On Oct. 15, the *Cafe Royal* distributed green carnations to all men who had lunch or dinner there in celebration of the anniversary of Oscar Wilde's birthday. The cafe was a regular haunt of the Irish dramatist before he was convicted on sodomy charges.

PHILADELPHIA

A U.S. Judge issued a temporary restraining order stopping the Army from discharging a sergeant who had filed a suit in Federal court to prevent the action. The man had been convicted of a homosexual charge and claimed that though he had legal counsel at his trial, he had not been given an attorney during his questioning.

He contended, too, that the charges brought against him

were caused by an anonymous letter and nothing more.

TAMPA

Eight men were arrested in a raid of the *Carousel Lounge* and seven of them were charged with impersonating females and one with indecent exposure.

HARTFORD

A consultation office for persons encountering problems because of homosexuality has been opened at the Trinity Episcopal Church and is sponsored by the Greater Hartford Council of Churches.

"Homosexuality," said B. Cortez Tipton, director of the Council's social service department, "carries such a stigma that the family would rather keep it a secret than to ask for help."

Mr. Tipton said the more the council delves into homosexuality with church and professional people, the more it seems to believe that the homosexual is right when he asks to be given the freedom that everyone else is given.

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco: Sex education is being introduced into coeducational religious classes of American Reform Jewish synagogues. One reason cited for the addition is that tax-supported schools fail to do the job.

The perils of the New York theatre for an unsophisticated boy from Ohio are not limited to frustration and starving,

reports Martin Sheen, co-star of a local theatrical production. They also include homosexuality.

"Parts are often cast on this basis. I could have been on Broadway my first year if I had 'cooperated'," the actor told reporters in what the Chronicle termed "matter of fact" style.

A suit, seeking \$1,050,000 in damages, for deprivation of civil rights, was filed in Federal Court as an aftermath of the police raid (DRUM, May) on a homosexual dance sponsored by The Council for Religion and the Homosexual.

"The police have engaged in a systematic policy of discrimination against San Francisco's homosexual community and those interested in their rights and welfare," the suit charged.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods urged a liberalization of laws governing homosexuality and abortion. The delegates agreed that "today enlightened men understand that homosexuality may be symptomatic of psychiatric disturbances which require sympathetic understanding and psychiatric evaluation."

Van Nuys: Justice Bernard Botein of New York Appellate Court predicted here that half of the criminal offenses and convictions in today's courts will be regarded, by the year 2000, as solely social problems. "The chronic police case drunk, the adult nonviolent consenting homosexual, and the narcotic addict" will no longer be considered criminal.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Testimony that the number of homosexuals dismissed by the

State Department has been increasing in recent years, given to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee last year by Otto F. Otepka, former chief security evaluator for the department, was made public by the committee. Otepka was charged by the State Department with furnishing the committee with classified material and was suspended on Nov. 5, 1963.

He had told the committee that dismissals of homosexuals were a "good indicator" of the prevalence of homosexuality in the department. He said "large numbers" of homosexuals were dismissed between 1950 and 1955. The number of dismissals for homosexuality decreased between 1955 and 1960 "because vigilance prevented many appointments of persons with homosexual tendencies."

But from 1961 through 1963, Otepka testified, the figures reveal annual increases in the number dismissed. In 1960, 16 were dismissed, 24 in 1961, 24 in 1962 and 45 in 1963.

The former security evaluator was critical of what he called the "recognition" afforded in the Federal government to organizations of homosexuals representing other homosexuals.

(In fact, the Federal policy has been steadfast refusal to meet with representatives of the homosexual community. On only two occasions - one before the House of Representatives' committee of the District of Columbia [DRUM, Oct. 1964] and one brief meeting with the head of the Selective Service - have homosexual spokesmen been heard officially. Recent picketing demonstrations [DRUM, Sept.] were organized to protest and attempt to break the resistance to such negotiations.)

Otepka said homosexuality was

not a (Federal) crime but that homosexuals were a security risk when employed in sensitive Government positions. While they may be loyal Americans, he said, they do not meet "the tests of fitness explicit in civil service laws and the Foreign Service Act."

According to homophile movement spokesmen, the refusal to meet with homosexual leaders is comparable to Southern states' "White Citizens' Councils" refusal to meet with Negro leaders.

"Questions of Federal employment," one leader said recently, "are centered in three basic areas: Civil Service, security, and military service. Fitness for each of these is a highly individualistic matter. We can see no justification for disqualifying *all* homosexuals as a class any more than we can see sufficient reason for class distinctions in any other area.

The Air Force Times warned recently that some officers and airmen home on leave for the first time since they joined the Air Force learn that Office of Special Investigation inspectors have been asking questions about them around their home neighborhoods.

Wrote the *Times*: "Unpleasant personality traits, if they do not apparently affect the AFman's (*sic*) judgement or reliability, are not seen as reason enough to bar clearance.

"Homosexuals or persons with close relatives in Communist countries, however, are seen as possibly vulnerable to blackmail."

A board of review has reversed the conviction of a San Francisco area Navy officer on five counts of homosexual conduct (DRUM, June).

The 41-year-old man, who had maintained his innocence all a-

WARNING TO ALL DRAFT-AGE MEN

Even with the publicity resulting from certain anti-Vietnam war groups' advocacy of checking the "Homosexual tendencies" box as a disqualification from serving in the Armed Forces, Selective Service officials fail to notice such markings because so few* persons so declare themselves.

If you decide to check the box, make sure it comes to the attention of Selective Service personnel and under no circumstances whatsoever take the induction oath. Once the oath is taken, the services have little choice but to issue a less-than-honorable discharge. It is far preferable from a practical standpoint to be without military service (classification of 4-F or 1-Y) than to have your record marred with a less-than-honorable discharge.

*According to informed sources, only 3% of all homosexuals declare themselves and a correspondingly small number are discovered while in the ser-

vices. These figures hold true in spite of the Federal government's position that homosexuals are categorically unfit for military service.

long, was charged with making immoral advances to enlisted personnel on four occasions while stationed in the Philippines and once while stationed on duty at Treasure Island.

Visual hallucinations, convulsions, confusion epileptiform seizures and possible death are some of the results of glue sniffing in teenagers, but the FBI has found an "ugly development" in its investigation of the practice: "Several episodes of homosexual relations have occurred under the influence of glue."

NEW YORK

New York City: Scrawled on a poster in the subway: "My mother made me a homosexual."

Comment scribbled underneath: "If I sent her the wool, would your mother make one for me?"

491, a Swedish produced motion picture was condemned as obscene in the first contested action in 30 years against Federal prosecution.

In response to protests from JSA and other groups, the American Civil Liberties Union urged the mass media of communications to accept "non-commercial controversial advertising on a non-discriminatory basis.

Earlier in the year JSA had called the ACLU's attention to the refusal of the *Saturday Review* to accept an advertisement for a free, general information brochure about homosexuality and the Society. Immediately upon receipt of notification of the ACLU's policy statement, the Society wrote Norman Cousins, editor of *SR* and past member of the ACLU's national board, again requesting they accept the advertisement.

Albany: The State Council of Churches, in approving at a recent Syracuse meeting a Statement of Legislative Principles for 1966, reiterated its opposition to any sweeping censorship on the grounds this could violate or impair civil rights, inhibit or restrict the free flow of ideas, or tend to superimpose the values of a particular segment of the community.

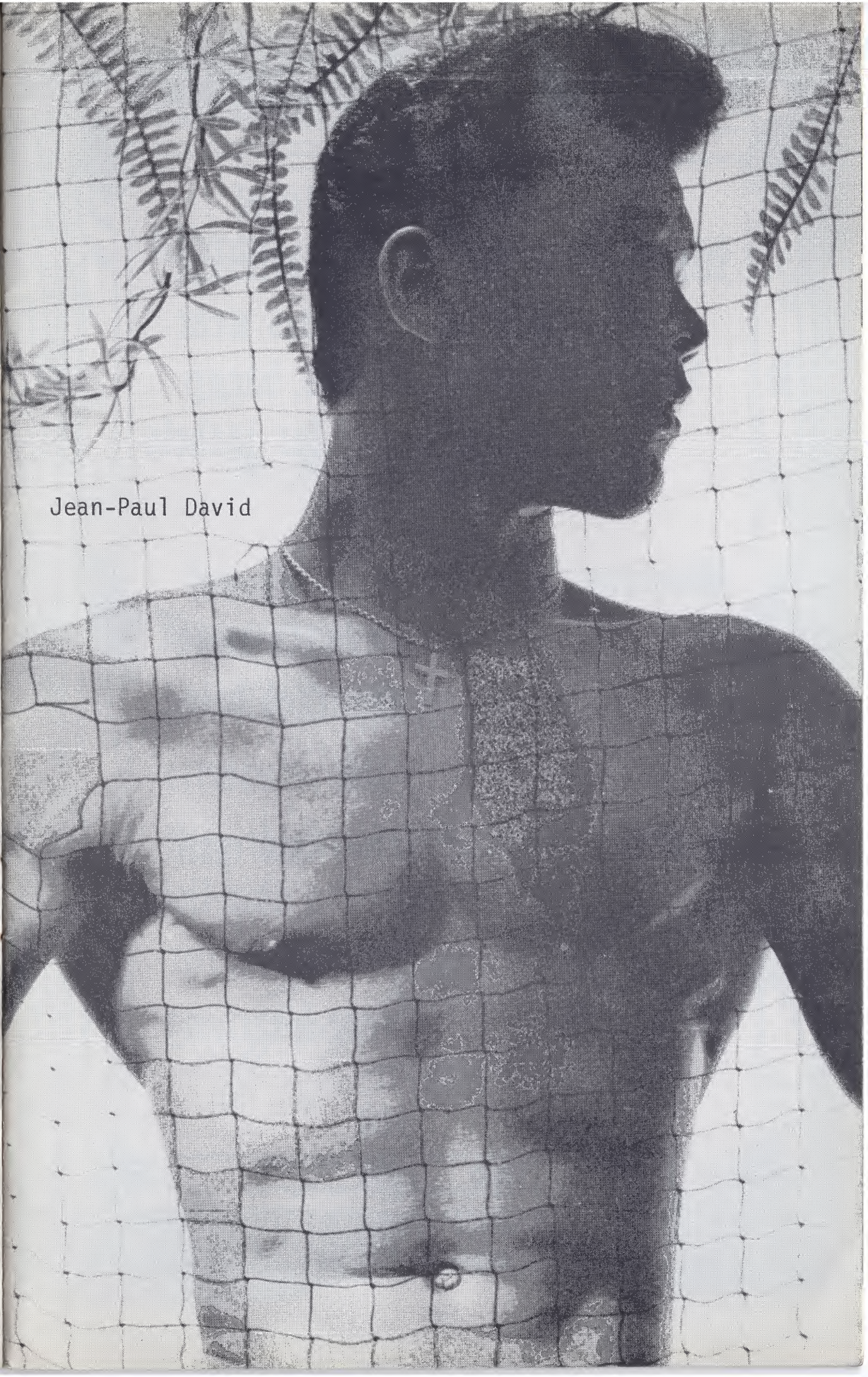
It was predicted that the Joint Legislative Committee on Matrimonial and Family Laws would recommend that the state's divorce laws be broadened in six areas, with explicit homosexuality and sodomy included in the new provisions.

The Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, which had earlier studied homosexuality in the Federal service and found no reason why homosexuals as a group should be excluded, announced that the private heterosexual and homosexual acts of students need not become the direct concern of college administrators. The report also recommended that colleges adopt explicit rules governing some areas of sexual behavior, provide information about birth control and venereal disease and give counsel on aspects of abortion to girl students who are considering termination of pregnancy.

DANANG, SOUTH VIET NAM

Among "10 Commandments" to a battalion of U. S. Marines involved in a "pacification drive" was: "Recognize that hand-holding among Vietnamese males is a custom of comradeship in (Continued on page 21)

Jean-Paul David



PROCLAMATION

Whereas: It has been traditional
that homosexuals wear
skin-tight pants, baggy
sweaters, and fur jackets
and

Whereas: It has been traditional
that homosexuals wear
long and bleached hair
and

Whereas: Young heterosexual men
are now wearing skin-tight
pants, baggy sweaters, fur
jackets and are bleaching
their hair
and

Whereas: This is leading to endless
confusion within the
homosexual community

Be It Hereby Proclaimed
And Declared:

Homosexual men from this time
henceforth shall wear baggy pants,
crewcuts, and combat boots, so that
they might recognize each other.

Larry Butch Johnson



ON GAY BARS

Stephen Smith

Some facts about gay bars are almost too obvious to require mention: they are highly profitable; a disproportionately small number are owned by homosexuals; the gay bar is the only consistently and readily available homosexual gathering place; and they can be, but are not invariably, good places for sexual assignation.

Other factors are less well known. Seagram's *Seven* and beer appear to be the favored wintertime drinks and gin takes over in the summer; there are probably more gay or semi-gay bars in any given larger city than even confirmed barniks are aware of, no less frequent; nationally, police policy towards gay bars appears to be one of containment ("Leave them alone and they won't scatter and we will know where to find them when we want."); few homosexuals go to bars with "making out" as their prime motivation; and the percentage of homosexuals who frequent bars regularly is quite small.

Sexual Or Social?

Discussions of gay bars are at best, highly subjective, and there is a wide difference of opinion over both bars' value and their function. To be sure, a small percentage of persons regard the gay bar solely in terms of potential sexual gratification - and these individuals are often those who hold bars in lowest esteem - while it is clear that the wide majority is mostly satisfied with the social aspects of bars and take sex as the cake's extra frosting. Some sexual contacts are made here, but the majority of persons leave alone many more nights than they leave with a partner.

Sexually, the world of the bars is that of the "one night

stand" and short term affairs. Carnal pleasure is offered and accepted without obligation or commitment. The very nature of bars, as Evelyn Hooker* put it, their "sexually predatory and competitive" aspects mitigate against all but chance and casual encounters. The amount of frustration this engenders in individual homosexuals would appear to depend on how clearly they understand gay bar ritual and how well they have been able to divorce themselves from the conventions of heterosexual morality.

Transitory

Those who continue to believe in the heterosexual sanctions against promiscuous behavior and those who would like to find permanence in relationships that are almost by definition, transitory are apt to consider bars and their own participation in bar activities both degrading and frustrating. Those who accept the socio-sexual advantages of bars on the terms in which they are offered often find bars a pleasant and more or less satisfying diversion.

Donald Webster Cory+, who should know better, repeats the standard line of those who see cause for concern in what he patronizingly dubs the homosexual's endless search for new sexual companions. He wonders: "Where will it end?"

The "end" seems obvious: the homosexual's relatively sophisticated acceptance of sex has shifted priorities to the excitement of "the chase." The

**Male Homosexuals And Their Worlds,* Evelyn Hooker in *Sexual Inversion*, edited by Judd Marmor, Basic Books, 1965.

+The Homosexual And His Society, Donald Webster Cory and John P. LeRoy, Citadel, 1963.

actual consumation of the sexual act many times shares the limelight with the positive pleasure derived from cruising. It is not so much that the search is unending, but that it is an enjoyable end in itself.

Those seeking direct fulfillment of sexual desires have a variety of more efficient outlets available to them. Ranging from masturbation, to lovers, to hustlers to baths, each of these offers something far different from the kind of social involvement of the bars.

The extreme position taken by a few homosexuals that they could easily forego the sexual contact once they have been successful in securing a partner connotes a negativism towards sex not necessarily implied in the milder view that cruising can be fun.

"Protective Clowning"

Social and sexual rejections are inevitabilities and since the sole uniting force in a gay bar is limited to the incidental factor of similarity of sexual orientation, it could be expected that rejection would be higher here than in groups with similar interests. The feeling of being somehow outside the law or somewhat conspiratorial also contributes to what come see as an inordinately high level of rejection in gay bars. Hooker adds "obsessive concern" over homosexuality, "withdrawal and passivity, strengthening of in-group ties, protective clowning, identification with the dominant group and hatred of himself and his own group," and lumps them all together as part of the result of societal prejudice, consistent with the results of prejudice found within other minority groups.

Crackdowns

Facts notwithstanding, the "bizarre happenings" in gay clubs is a favorite topic of reformers who are encouraged into anti-homosexual crackdowns by the traditional reluctance of bar owners to resist harassment and by public sentiment which is staunchly intolerant of displays of affection among homosexuals.

Public antipathy to gay bars was confirmed by a group of California sociologists who polled 353 middle income adults and discovered that 64.3%* agreed that the "licenses of gay bars should be revoked." Such studies tend to support the view that the public will, at this time, tolerate only the abstract concept of homosexuality, while rejecting homosexuals as human beings.

Alcoholism

Many factors contribute to the allegation that homosexuals, especially those who are bar habitués, are alcoholics or at least borderline alcoholics. Not the least of these is the general societal prejudice against all bars which classes them as lower social level. In fact, only a small percentage of gay bars are lower social level and if any distinction of this type can be drawn it would be an inclination to upper middle class surroundings. The classing of homosexuals as alcoholic can also be seen as

**While 56% agreed that the laws penalizing private, consensual homosexual acts of adults should be retracted, 63% held that "its a person's duty to report individuals who are suspected of homosexual conduct to the police and 59% that homosexuals should not be allowed to organize to achieve civil liberties.*

a further effort of the heterosexual out group to discredit homosexuality.

Many of those who have spent lifetimes concerned with alcoholics and their problems fail to find much correlation between homosexuality and excessive drinking. Dr. Edward Humphries of the Institute For Alcoholism and Drug Addiction holds that suppressed anxieties over sex sometimes contribute to a wide variety of other symptoms, but there is no evidence that this particular pattern contributes more to the formation of alcoholics than any other.

Heterosexual Panic

To the heterosexual out-group, gay bars, by their very existence, loom as a threat to the social order. The homosexual is, of course, viewed as a child-savvoring, sex-starved degenerate and any large gathering of them increases the amount of panic. It is for this reason that gay bars are seldom located in straight, residential areas and are generally found in the more sophisticated or deserted sectors of cities. Business and theatre centers are generally regarded as acceptable for they are away from the inspection of the average heterosexual.

Bars are often a gay no-man's-land existing with the by-your-leave of an unseen constabulary. Even in cities where the same bars have existed, virtually without interruption, for a large number of years, there is a lingering expectation that the next door opening might bring the police. Homosexuals often believe that the gay bar in their town stays open only by "paying-off" the local authorities. There are times bar owners are the source for such

rumors to both assure their patrons that the establishment is a safe place to visit and to support otherwise unjustifiably high prices. Pay-offs other than the standard gratuity most bar and restaurant owners pay the police, however, are almost non-existent.

Maximum Pleasure

There is undoubtedly a high degree of sexual frustration in homosexual life- both in and out of gay bars- and the pulp fiction image of the closing-time panic over not having a partner is a partially accurate one. It is also exaggerated. Bars provide a maximum amount of sexual and social pleasure with a minimal expenditure of time and money. It is just as true to say that there are always sad and lonely people in bars as it is to say that there are always happy and socially involved people in bars. The gay bar is really a public party without any of the social disadvantages of a private party. There is no obligation to spend time with those persons found uninteresting and no pre-arranged protocol for leaving, being pleasant to the host, etc.

Whether the customers come "just to let their hair down" for an hour or so, or are new in town and taking a look at what the city has to offer, or are sulking in a corner, or are joking and discussing the myriad topics that occur in social settings among friends, or lost in thought, or cruising, or biding time between trains, or are there with no awareness of and less care about why, they are making highly satisfactory use of what has grown to be an international institution.

-Clark P. Polak

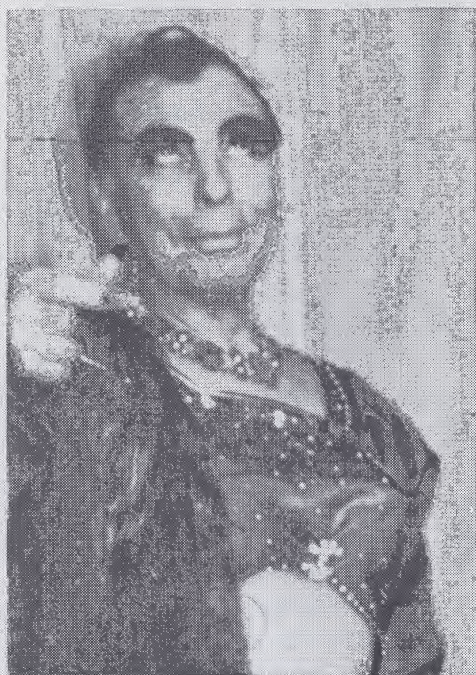
A new star is born in Hollywood! Far from an unusual occurrence of course, but this one is a charmer by the appropriately appealing name of Glory Hodeden. And that *is* an unusual occurrence.

Bred of humble parentage in a packing crate on the wrong side of the tracks with only the howl of the wintry wind for a lullaby, Glory spent her first years watering her petunias and letting the cruel elements buffet her by night - and by day, too, if she was lucky. When, to her surprise, her *good* fairy came along and taught her wrong from right, whereupon she moved to Beverly Hills and was discovered by R. A. Enterprises in a farmers' market, hustling her wares.

HOT HAREM or A FAIRY



"You patch'd up your excuses." Act II, Sc 2



"A woman is a dish for the gods." Act V, Sc 2



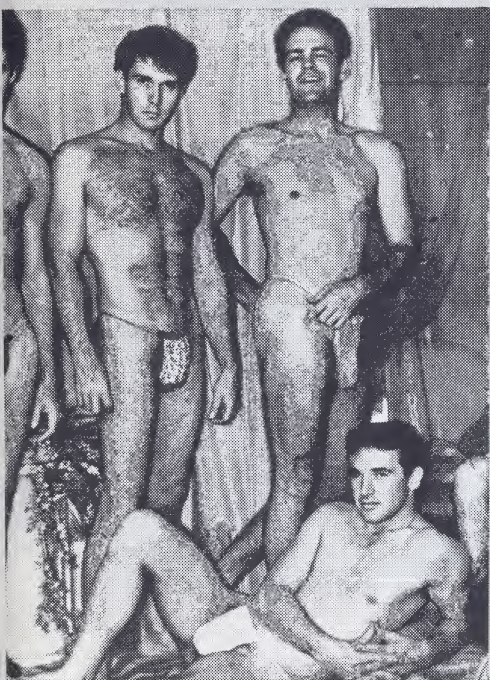
"Age cannot wither infinite variety."



"For her own person, it beggar'd all description." Act II, Sc. 2

R. A. E. recognized Glory's talent immediately and soon built a film around her. For script, well, the flick doesn't really have one, so DRUM's chief humorist, Bob Luther, was set to work devising. During his research he found that, rightly or wrongly, Shakespeare has been reported to have "those tendencies" and, if this be the case, thought evil Mr. Luther, it is utterly shocking to see Liz playing the role of Cleo when the ole Bard might have had Glory Holeden in mind. Even the interpretarions of Sirs Gielgud and Olivier leave something to be desired after this more knowledgeable and realistic one in DRUM, and can there be any doubt what is meant when Bob Luther, R. A. Enterprises and Willy Shakespeare combine talents in:

TAIL IN OLE BAGHDAD



her, nor custom stale her
Act II, Sc. 2



"The bright day is done, and we
are for the dark." Act V, Sc. 2



"If there be, or ever were, one such, it's
past the size of dreaming." Act V, Sc. 2



"A Roman thought hath struck him." Act I, Sc. 2



"Nature's infinite book of secrecy." Act I, Sc 2

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ask drum

I have known of Fire Island's (DRUM, Oct.) reputation for some time but always assumed it was probably just another of "those" spots. (Greenwich Village, Provincetown and the like) which are usually 5% talented artist, 20% phoney artist, 50% thrill-seeking tourists, 5% gay and 20% would-be-but-don't dare. Now, how about telling this neophyte about travelling directions, accommodations, etc. J. M. T., Connecticut

Cherry Grove is accessible by train (Long Island Railroad to Sayville), plane (Allegheny to Mac Arthur) and then by taxi to the ferry. There is also limited, non-scheduled seaplane service directly to the Grove and water enthusiasts might want to use the marina.

Though the absence of reservations should never deter you on anything but a holiday weekend, they are generally advisable. The Beach Hotel, Bill Favel and Bill O'Neil are the ones to contact.

As for wardrobe, the less the better for most occasions, but sharp summer clothes never decreased anyone's popularity at the bar come a warm night.

I have been told that conditions for homosexuals are far better in Australia and my lover and I have been considering moving there. What do you know of this? T. G., Omaha

Afraid the outlook there is rather dim. The law is similar to that of England's but public

education and enlightenment lag very much behind Great Britain and even America. Homosexuality is tolerated in certain restricted fields (theatre and the other traditionally advanced professions) but generally speaking the homosexual cannot afford to let his tendencies become known.

There is little doubt that the police conduct periodic raids on homosexual meeting places and are as accustomed to using entrapment as in the United States.

The atmosphere can be judged by Australia's literary censorship. *Another Country* (and, of course, hundreds of works with more and less claim to literary merit) remain banned. It was not until Fall, 1965 that *Lady Chatterly's Lover* was released.

From time to time (and now in *Harry Chess*) I see references in DRUM to KY, or Cay Why. I could be out of it, but what in the world is it? O.L., Kansas City, Mo.

KY is a sterile jelly that has gained great popularity among homosexuals as a lubricant in anal intercourse. Though it has the reputation of drying too quickly, some consider it preferable to Vaseline which is greasier and non-water soluble

ASK DRUM is a monthly feature and readers are invited to submit questions. Send all requests to ASK DRUM, 34 S. 17th Street, Phila., Pa. 19103



news

(Continued from page 8) South Viet Nam and not an indication of homosexual tendencies subject to ridicule and mockery."

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Washington: A man was charged with selling "indecent publications," namely more than 1,000 pictures of nude men. Police stated the arrest was made by an undercover man posing as a customer and that, after the arrest, they went to the man's home and found a photographic studio-darkroom in the basement.

Andover, Mass.: Models Studio was found guilty of possessing obscene pictures for the purpose of sale and fined \$300. The studio claimed the photographs were not obscene, refused to pay the fine and appealed to a higher court.

The Janus Society of America has expressed interest in the case and is exploring the possibility of supporting the studio's fight financially.

New York City: After what a U. S. Attorney Claimed was "a two-year investigation into an ever-expanding business in obscene homosexual materials" a woman and four men were indicted by a Federal grand jury on conspiracy charges of using the mails "to further homosexual pornography."

New York "is the hub of this new racket and the hotbed of homosexual activities in the country," Robert M. Morgenthau, the U. S. Attorney said.

Santa Cruz, Calif.: Five photographs of male sex organs

by Walter Chappell were confiscated by police after being displayed in the art gallery of *Hip Pocket Bookstore*. The owners of the store were charged with exhibiting obscene photographs and outraging public decency in violation of Section 650½ of the Penal Code.

A number of art experts have furnished affidavits in support of a motion to have the material returned and one stated that they were neither intrinsically pornographic or objectionable. "Admittedly their content is not that which one would ordinarily expect to find as a compositional element in photography, but this fact does not disqualify their worthliness as an attempt to produce an artistic statement," wrote expert James R. Conlin.

Municipal Court Judge Harry Brauer heard testimony from the opposing factions, inspected the photographs and dismissed the charges.

MOVIES

The Leather Boys features Colin Campbell as what *Newsweek* described "a high compression homosexual who walks off with most of the movie's later scenes."

Once A Thief uses the slang word for lesbians not customarily heard in the movies.

The Agony and the Ecstasy generally ignores the fact that Michaelangelo was a homosexual.

Guns of the Trees is an underground movie that features the voice of beat poet Allen Ginsberg saying: "I dreamed J. Edgar Hoover groped me in a silent hallway of the Capitol."

CENSORSHIP

The Gallup survey recently showed that nearly half of the American people (48%) have seen

or read books which they think should not be sold and a clear majority (58%) believes that laws regarding the kinds of books that can be sold are not strict enough. Only 4% of the public believes that such laws are too strict.

Seattle: The city's three ordinances pertaining to local film censorship were held to be unconstitutional and unenforceable by Superior Court Judge James W. Mifflin.

The Federal Community Relations Service has announced plans to rewrite certain history books to be used in public schools and the action was immediately dubbed "one of the most appalling disclosures I have ever heard in my tenure in the House of Representatives," by Representative Thomas M. Pelley (R., Wash.). The textbook rewriting because "history books do not give fair treatment to the Negro people."

Pelley says it is not an issue of civil liberties, but one of censorship. He claims that in attempting to "establish standards," the committee will "set standards and censor the reading material of our school system."

Norwalk, Calif.: The city has lost its battle to sustain the ban-the-book ordinance. In

a lawsuit brought by Drowns News Agency, Superior Judge Alfred Gitelson ruled that the Norwalk law could not supercede existing state laws.

Acting city attorney Louis Gordon was quick to add, however, that this decision did not affect the city's battle against topless shows.

DALTON, GA.

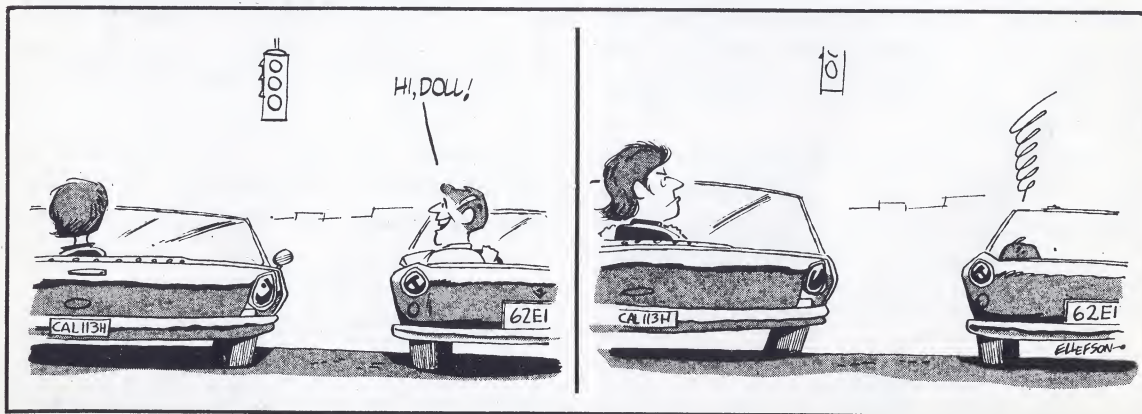
A 35-year-old man pleaded guilty to four sodomy charges growing out of alleged homosexual relations with teen-age boys and was sentenced three years on the first count and an additional 10 years for each of the other counts, the 30 years held "in abeyance in case the man returns here when the first sentence is served."

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LAS VEGAS

A 20-year-old ex-marine, son of the chief of detectives in a small Georgia town, was charged with the murder of a 21-year-old McKeesport, Pa., man. The defendant admitted the slaying, but claimed he shot the man through the head twice because his victim had made a homosexual advance towards him.



books

THE GAY AMERICAN, William Gingerich, Vantage Press, New York, 186 pages, \$3.95

Vantage Press is one of the most successful vanity presses* and there is more reason to expect worthwhile publications from them than many others of their ilk. *The Gay American*, their latest, falls into the category of interesting, but not overwhelmingly good books that would never have seen the light of day as a hardback if not for this kind of arrangement. TGA confirms the value of the whole vanity press system.

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Paperback Library announced a delay in releasing James Barr's new novel, *The Occasional Man*, until March 1. Trojan Book Service plans a 40 page book of *The Adventures of Harry Chess* to be released in February. Their edition will contain certain panels changed or deleted from the version that originally appeared in DRUM. Book Horizons, publishers of *The Boy*, released *Boys Will Be Boys* too late for review in this issue. Books, a magazine of news, reviews and general comment on the world of books, contained an article on homosexual fiction in their December issue.

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homophile movement

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Interested adults wishing information about the specific

goals, services offered and membership requirements should contact the groups directly.

Each state should have at least one homophile organization to help coordinate legal reform and to promote human understanding of homosexuality and homosexuals. The Janus Society of America is prepared to provide details on the qualifications necessary to begin a homophile organization to all wishing them.

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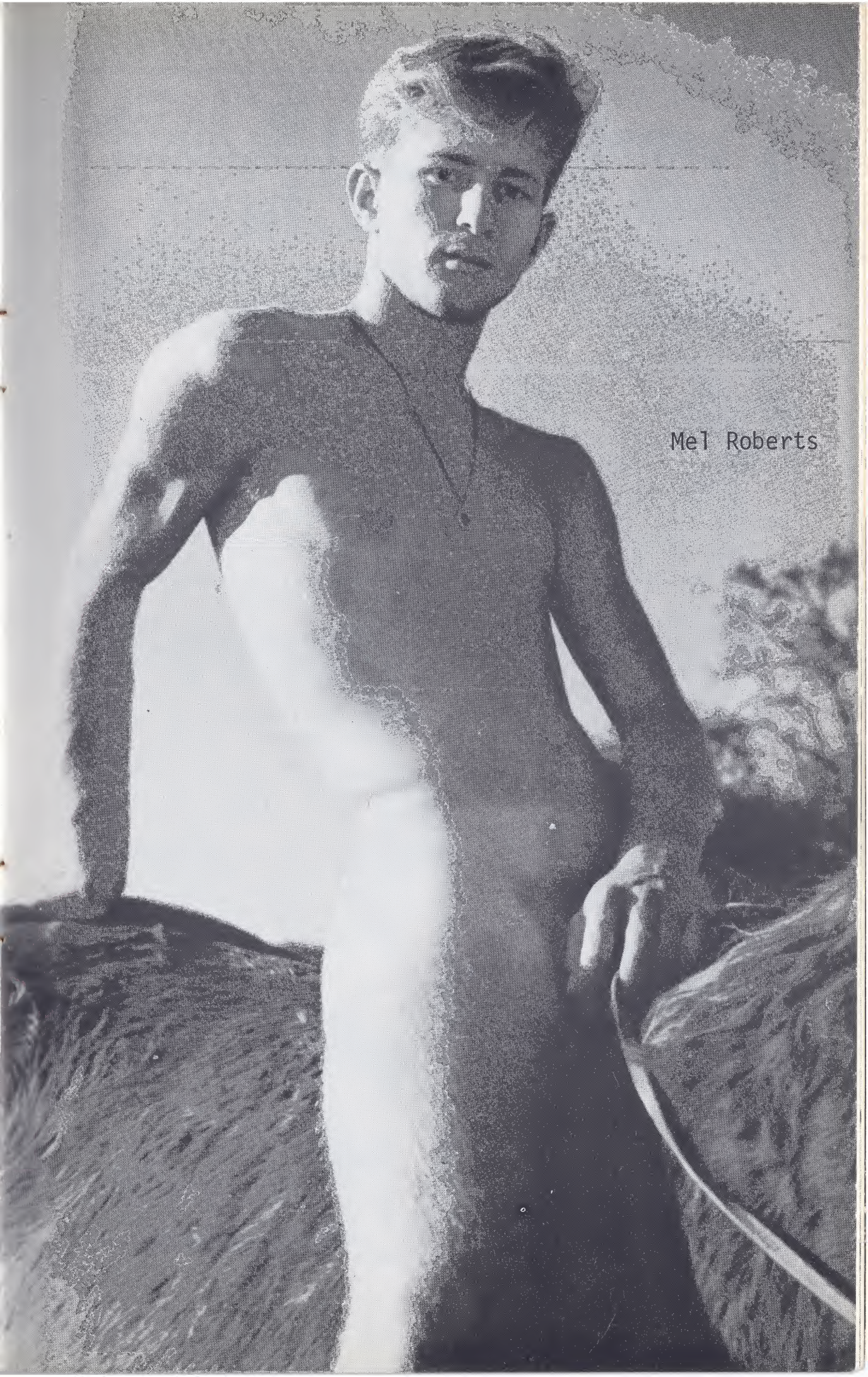
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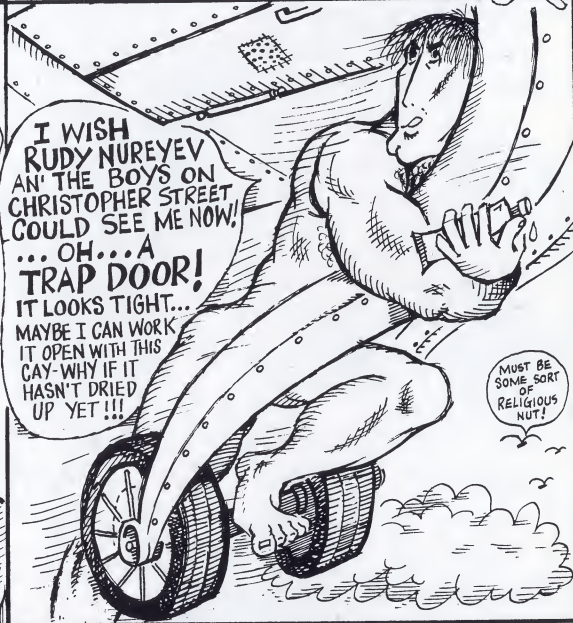
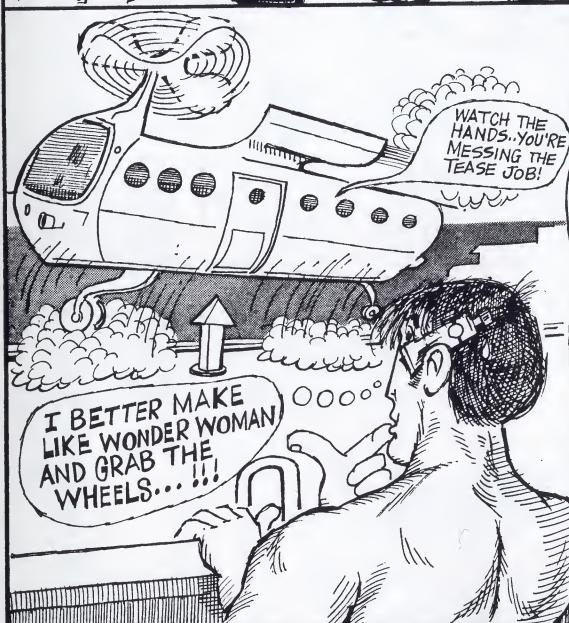
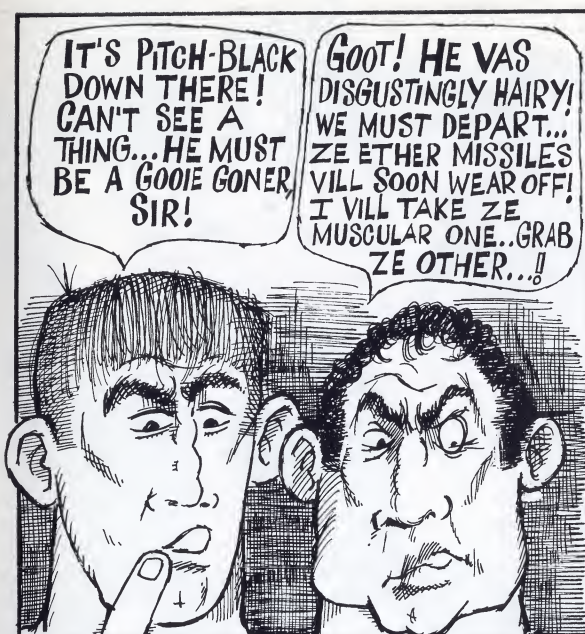
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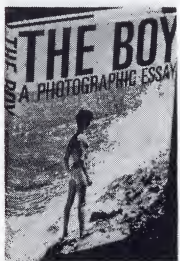
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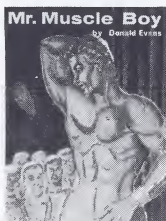
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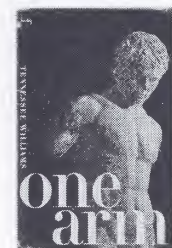


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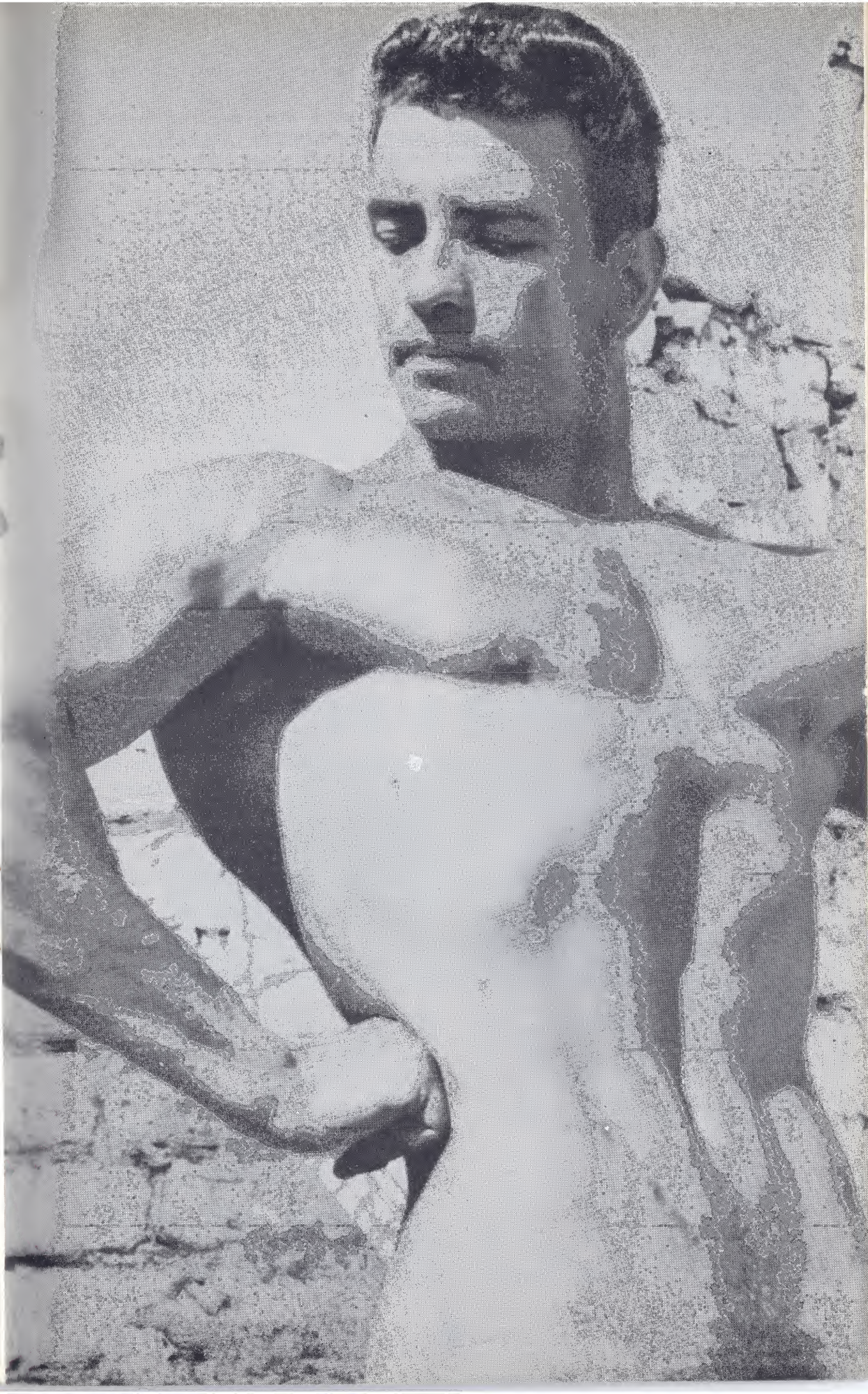
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I was given a copy of your October issue of DRUM by a young man, as an *apologia pro sua vita*. It was extremely informative and often provocative, but I think the most encouraging thing, however, was that you have a sense of humor. So often, minorities develop a self-pitying, martyr-complex attitude toward themselves and the society in which, for better or worse, they must live. This was noticeably absent in the issues I saw, as was the opposite and equally unfortunate attitude of belligerency. I hope that you will continue this healthy, balanced approach to the problem of trying to live in a world which you did not make. Rev.G.S., New Orleans

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Part of DRUM's realism is that it makes no attempt to suggest that we are living in a tolerant and understanding paradise. Actually, as we all know, we are living in a veritable jungle of hate, misunderstanding and deliberate prejudice. Exploitation of every aspect of our position is - or seems to be at least - the order of the day. J.W.K., Seattle

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vietniks

Presumably, defeat at the hands of the Vietnamese enemy (DRUM, Jan.), so long as he is heterosexual, is preferable to the possible contamination by association with a homosexual. A. D., Los Angeles

I wouldn't be caught dead in one of those anti-Vietnam demonstrations and I am sure all my gay friends have a deep love for this country. I personally would love to join any of the armed services to fight for this country of ours. P. P., Chatham, N.J.

books

In a glib, flip, Nellie review, you try to deny Benson's *In Defense of Homosexuality* (DRUM, Dec.) a hearing. What gives with you? If you do not have the patience or intelligence to examine the book carefully, let it alone. Your review called it shallow. On the contrary, it is too deep, too profound for shallow minds. It could - it should be a bomb in the heterosexual smugger. Any contribution to the knowledge of our community...whether you approve of it or not, is important. Do you feel no responsibility to the lost and lonely? J. H. R., San Francisco

As everyone knows who has read *The City and the Pillar* (DRUM, Jan.), the climax comes when Jim Willard, the tall,

handsome, tennis-playing hero, now a 25-year-old veteran homosexual, at last gets alone with tall, handsome, brawny Bob Ford, a 25-year-old veteran heterosexual. What happens in Bob's hotel room and after depends on which version you've been reading. In the *three* different versions between 1948 and 1965, we have had the two of them getting drunk, going to bed in their shorts, and then the "big moment" when Jim puts his arms around Bob. In the original 1948 version, Jim chokes Bob to death, and then after a final bit of bitchery in a bar, wanders off to the river, presumably to jump in. However, in the paperback reprint of 1950, Jim only chokes Bob into unconsciousness, so that after the bitchery in the bar scene, and the walk to the river, it can end with Jim knowing "he would go back to the bar." But then,

egads, in the 1955 reprint, poor Bob is again choked all the way to death, but Mr. Vidal apparently decides one more unsolved murder can be easily absorbed by the New York Police Department. Jim still knows "he will go back to the bar," murderer or not! The paperback reprints since then have kept to his getting away with the murder. But now, with much fanfare, Mr. Vidal has rewritten not just the ending but the whole damned book. This time, when the two are in bed, Jim doesn't put his arms around Bob. He pulls down Bob's shorts and, after gazing at his blond pubic hair, wraps his fist around Bob's "sex". Does Jim choke Bob to death this time, or just into unconsciousness? Neither. For Jim has suddenly become Harry Chess. He twists Bob's arm behind his back, gets him face down on the bed, pulls

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down his shorts and, as Bob whispers, "Don't...don't," Jim proceeds to! Well, now really, Mr. Vidal! Are you rewriting *The City and the Pillar* or *That Man From AUNTIE*? E.D., N.Y.C.

puzzle

I never realized that the bar situation in New York City (DRUM, Dec.) was so flaky. I've been thinking of moving there to work, but if the only propositions I will get will be from policemen... well, I'm not sure I'd want to limit my sex life to that. C.A.P., Rochester, N.Y.

Thanks for the copy of DRUM. I put it right in my briefcase to take it home, as I don't dare leave it laying around here. Seems my sisters are too taken by the center-fold. The Mattachine Society Inc. of New York is going to become active. We have lots of plans, but as far as SIR-type activities are concerned, I'm afraid they do not interest me. Richard Leitch, Pres., Mattachine Society Inc. of New York

photos

The boy in front of the chicken house door (DRUM, Dec.), white chicken in his hands, is one of the most charming photographs I have ever seen. A.E. B., Holicong, Pa.

The picture of Mark Nixon (DRUM, Dec.) is one of the best you have ever shown. His clean-cut looking face is without the mark or sneer of the professional. G. M., Columbus, Ga. G. M., Columbus, Ga.

I am happy to see a magazine actually do something to help

the revolution by printing the frontal nudes, rather than just stirring up the public with grandly worded editorials. P. M., Allen Park, Mich.

In reply to Mr. Shaw (DRUM, Jan.), the bedroom shots far outsell the studio shots. One has to eat. Neil Edwards, NYC

knowing and loving

After reading Bob Luther's *Phrases You Know And Love* (DRUM, Jan.), I decided to mail my own version: They say: One day I'll get married; they mean: If only I could find a girl named Bob and: I've never done this before - with you. R. L., Montreal.

pro and con

Parts of DRUM are fine, but large parts of it seem to be working to make homosexuality extremely unattractive. One easily gets the impression that all homosexuals are a bunch of leather-jacketed sons of bitches whose main aim in life is to roam the streets to find someone to commit sodomy with. V. C., New York City

Thank you for your work on behalf of many like myself who either have not got the guts or cannot afford to take an open stand in defending our own interests. E. A. S., Tampa

I've had it with psychological theories, with learned discussions, magazine articles, legal defenses, sociological treatises, do-gooders, nice-nellies, brutal cops and understanding judges. I'm going to retire and live a quiet life, with my roommate, my cat, my friends and my job which, taken

one by one or together, I find much more interesting than all the homophile dither put together. F.W.C., Hyde Park, Mass.

I am thoroughly disgusted with the treatment and ridicule of homosexuals by certain groups and so-called church organizations which probably have some members who are of a very low class socially and are covering up their own evil and filthy minds by always criticizing the homosexual world. M. S. B., Vienna, W. Virginia

bequests

In an old issue of DRUM, I saw a reference to bequests and an announcement that the Society had received a \$6,000 donation. What form should these take? R. E., Chicago

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